



NEWSLETTER

MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM, INC.

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The Minneapolis Park Board, at their July 23, 1969 meeting, voted unanimously to accept the proposal of The Minnesota Transportation Museum to build an operating trolley museum at Lake Harriet in Minneapolis, as outlined in the last issue of the MTM Newsletter. Our first lease agreement will run for three years, starting Sept. 1, 1969, through Aug. 31, 1972. During this time, the MTM is to begin construction and operate streetcar 1300. At the expiration of this lease, a new one may be written.

The City of Minneapolis also has granted permission to MTM to lay tracks across the former crossing of the Twin City Lines Private Right of Way with 42nd St., so that a line of almost 3000 feet in length, with a station at the middle, is now available and awaiting construction.

PLAN FOR ACTION

The elected board of officers of the MTM has appointed a committee to coordinate the construction activities at the Lake Harriet site. The members serving this committee are Paul Joyce, George Isaacs, Frank Sandberg, and John Stein. This action committee will have the decision-making responsibility necessary to carry this restoration project through to its completion.

Already, plans have been laid, and money and material made available to build a concrete block carhouse this fall into which streetcar 1300 may be moved. A recent study of the line shows that the right of way south from 42nd street to Linden Hills bridge shows that little deterioration of the original Twin City Lines construction has taken place since the lines abandonment. Rail could be laid on the existing right of way using the ties still in place, since drainage at this point is considered to be very good. Twin City Lines No. 1300 will operate in 1970!

The next general meeting of all MTM members will be held Sunday Sept. 28, 1969, at our own Minnehaha Depot at 7:30 PM. Regular business will include more detailed information relating to the site, followed by a program, "TCL nite," featuring 16mm movies and 35mm slides of TCL equipment. The film is a reproduction of a film produced by the late Bert Baker, now owned by member Ray Norton. Ray has been kind enough to allow MTM to make a copy of this film, for preservation in the museum's records of Minnesota history. Following the movie we will be treated to Part II of Paul Joyce's excellent collection of TCL slides. We look forward to seeing all of our friends at this meeting.

Our inquiry to Seashore Railway Museum at Kennebunkport, Maine has been courteously answered. However, the Seashore Museum does not feel that they want to part with the first car to operate on their railway... the 1267. It would appear to be most difficult to return the 1267 to her homeland, the Twin Cities.



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